AHA Awards Aid Grants for 272 Projects 1976-7

Grants-in-aid to finance 272 projects at a cost of $4.5 million have been announced by The American Heart Association for the fiscal year which began July 1, 1976. This brought total research spending by the National Center and 55 affiliates to a new yearly record of about $20 million. The grants-in-aid made to non-profit institutions included 110 new projects and 162 continued from the previous year.

In addition to these grants, the National Center and 55 affiliates sponsor several hundred senior rank research workers conducting their own long-term investigations and younger scientists engaged in work which shows promise. In 1976-77 a total of 1,400 men and women received AHA support. Since 1949 the Association has expended almost $300 million from public contributions for CV research.

Hypertension Task Force is Appointed by NHLBI

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute has established a Hypertension Task Force to evaluate research and the group invites contributions from research workers dealing with the etiology and pathogenesis of the disease. The Task Force seeks to assess gaps in knowledge of the mechanisms of hypertension, determine where greater research emphasis should be placed, elucidate promising but neglected research areas and examine possible clinical applications of available basic information.


Inquiries may be addressed to the Executive Secretary: Ronald G. Geller, Ph.D., Chief, Hypertension and Kidney Diseases Branch, NHLBI, NIH, Bethesda, Md. 20014.

HBP Control Conference Planned

A National Conference on High Blood Pressure Control will be held April 17-19, 1977 at the Great Gorge Resort Hotel, McAfee, N.J. It is sponsored by the High Blood Pressure Education Program of NHLBI. The American Heart Association is assisting in the planning.

The meeting will replace the third of a three-year series of meetings on HBP originally announced. Abstracts are requested on 1) long term management and maintenance of therapy, 2) psychosocial stress in hypertension, 3) HBP control during working hours, 4) paraprofessional patient management, and 5) community programs. Deadline for abstracts is Dec. 1, 1976 at Conference on HBP Control, 1501 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va. 22209.

4th AHA Forum Set For Science Writers

The AHA Fourth Science Writers Forum, created to bring to national attention new developments in cardiovascular research, will be held January 16-19, 1977 in San Antonio, Texas. Science writers from all media are invited to hear investigators, supported by Heart Association research funds, explain their work.

ICHD is Transferred to National Center

The Inter-Society Commission for Heart Disease Resources (ICHD) has transferred its office from New York City to the AHA National Center in Dallas as of Oct. 1, 1976. All correspondence should be directed to Curtis B. Nelson, Ph.D., Director, AHA Division of Scientific Affairs.

Dr. Irving S. Wright retires as national chairman and Dr. Donald Fredrickson retires as project director. Both will continue as consultants.

ICHD, organized in 1969, consists of 30 medical and nursing societies concerned with CV disease. Nineteen study sections produced 40 reports which appeared serially in CIRCULATION and also were distributed as reprints. The reports will continue to be reviewed and revised.

AHA Briefs . . .

- Preliminary plans for the VIIIth World Congress of Cardiology, to be held Sept. 18-23, 1978 in Tokyo, Japan, have been announced by the organizing committee. The sessions will be held in the Hotel New Otani auditoriums and member registration fees will be $150 ($180 after June 1, 1978). Applications for registration and papers may be obtained from the Organizing Committee, 7-3-23, Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106, Japan.
- The November issue of MODERN CONCEPTS OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE is: Clinical Application of Echocardiography — Part 1 by Navin C. Nanda, M.D. The November/December issue of CURRENT CONCEPTS OF CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE is:
Monitoring the Cerebral Circulation in Progressing Stroke, Preliminary Experience with 133-Xenon Inhalation Method by James H. Halsey, Jr., M.D. Both publications are distributed by AHA affiliates.

* The American Lung Association and the American Thoracic Society have published the 11th edition of “Training Programs in Respiratory Disease,” including the 10th edition of “Training Programs in Pediatric Respiratory Disease.” The booklet is reprinted from the American Review of Respiratory Disease, August, 1976 and copies may be obtained from ALA, 1740 Broadway, N.Y. 10019.

Stroke, Cerebral Circ. to Conduct 2nd Meeting

The 2nd National Joint Meeting on Stroke and Cerebral Circulation will be held February 25-26, 1977, at the Sheraton 4-Ambassadors Hotel in Miami, Florida. Abstracts have now been selected. The sessions are sponsored by the AHA Stroke Council, Cerebrovascular Surgery Section of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the Canadian Stroke Society of the Canadian Heart Association and the Society for Vascular Surgery. Robert G. Siekert, M.D., is conference chairman. The meeting meets the criteria for nine hours of credit in Category I for the “Physician’s Recognition Award of the American Medical Association.” Registration information is available from Dale Stringfellow, American Heart Association, 7320 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231.

Stroke Treatment Areas Surveyed in Hospitals

The AHA Stroke Subcommittee has surveyed hospitals with more than 100 beds to determine how many offer stroke treatment areas. In a public policy statement the Association has noted that it “approves the concept of the stroke treatment area staffed by specially trained nursing personnel as an effective and economic method of providing care for the acute stroke patient. Community hospitals are encouraged to develop such areas which may serve as a base of operations for the multi-disciplinary approach.”

Dr. Clark Millikan Given Gold Heart

Clark H. Millikan, M.D., Professor of Neurology, University of Utah Medical Center, Salt Lake City, Utah, retiring editor of STROKE, a Journal of Cerebral Circulation, has been awarded the American Heart Association Gold Heart. The presentation at the Annual Scientific Sessions cited Dr. Millikan as a volunteer for more than 20 years and also as the first chairman of the Association’s Stroke Council. “Through a lifetime of research, teaching and advocacy, he helped to focus attention of the medical world on stroke and increased medicine’s knowledge of prevention, detection and treatment.”

Upon the completion of his term as editor in December, 1976, Dr. Millikan will become an associate editor of the journal.

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Feb. 6-9: Thrombosis: Diagnosis, Prevention and Treatment, Sonesta Beach Hotel, Key Biscayne, Fla. Sponsored by AHA Council on Thrombosis, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Heart Associations of Florida and Greater Miami. Inquiries: Mrs. Miniver Reed, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, 4300 Alton Rd., Miami Beach, Fla. 33140.


April 4-8: Federation of Associated Societies for Experimental Biology, Atlantic City, N.J.


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